

COMMENT FORM

Public Scoping Meetings

We need your input. Please take a few minutes to provide your comments or questions for the USDA RUS Federal Environmental Impact Statement process and return your completed form today or mail by June 29, 2009. Your comments help in the planning and implementation of the project. **Thank you.**

Completing this form will automatically add you to our mailing list. If you prefer to not be on the mailing list, please check the box below.

☐ I do not wish to be on the project mailing list

Which meeting did you attend? Cochran Fountain City School

Please check the following issues that are important to you for transmission line siting.

- ☒ Project Purpose and Need (Power usage is decreasing) local reports
- ☒ Visual / Aesthetic resources
- ☒ Proximity to residences
- ☐ Land use (agriculture, residential, recreation)
- ☒ Water resources (floodplains, river crossings)
- ☒ Biological resources (wildlife habitat, raptors)
- ☐ Historic and cultural sites
- ☐ Radio or television interference
- ☐ Noise
- ☒ Health and safety
- ☒ Other: Power lost through lines -

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

I-045-001 The power companies raise rates to pay for program plus their profits. Our incomes are going down. When power usage goes down they raise rates. If they are requesting rate hikes because of reduced usage - the need for more power does not work.

I-045-002 The power companies want us to pay for power to Rochester, LaCrosse, Madison and so on. How far is the power going to be sent? How much will be lost along the way.

Hampton • Rochester • La Crosse 345 kV Transmission Project

I-045-001

Your comment has been noted. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will describe, in detail, project purpose and need. The justification document which has been accepted by the RUS is the Alternative Evaluation study which is available at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>.

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I-045-002

Your comment has been noted. Cumulative Impacts will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

I-045-003

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If you own property in one of the proposed corridors, please indicate all the existing uses of your property below:

- ☐ Agriculture ☒ Residential ☐ Conservation Easement
☐ Commercial ☐ Industrial ☐ Other: _____

Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.

Safety - loss power is an unsafe situation. If it isn't needed (based on need) and much is lost along the way. If Madison or Chicago, or etc need the power build the plant there. We know that won't work so we will send it from the Dakotas

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

Safety of the environment, wildlife, and people. This project will not be healthy for any of them

The one exception - profitable for the power companies.

To get power to the big cities ^{you} fear apart the rural areas instead of the big cities.

I-045-003

In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

I-045-004

No, I would like to see information on power loss, final destinations of power - if has already changed, other options available, alternative sources being investigated, conservation potential, ~~and how~~ cost to the consumer, and generally how the individuals or small areas can protect themselves from the companies that share a portion of the truth to protect their interests

Please tell us how to reach you.

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Public participation for the Federal, Minnesota, and Wisconsin permitting processes will be ongoing for the Hampton- Rochester- La Crosse 345 kV Transmission Project. If you sign up for the mailing list, you will be notified when opportunities to participate are being planned.

Please plan to continue your involvement in the process and provide your comments. We appreciate your input.

I-045-004

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